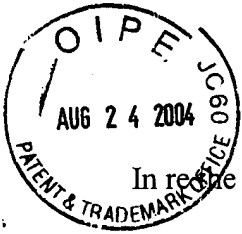


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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated **May 6, 2004**, extended to **September 6, 2004**, by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.